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SS Research Salon

The Illegal Consumption of Protected Wildlife in China

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Date : 18 April 2019 (Thursday)
Time : 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
Venue : Room G7619, CLASS Conference Room
Yeung Kin Man Academic Building,
City University of Hong Kong
Moderator : Dr. Ben Li (Assistant Head & Associate Professor)
Language : English

Abstract

Why would a consumer trust that his/her supplier would honor their agreement in illegal transactions? What mechanisms do consumers rely on to enhance the credibility of their agreements? In this talk, these questions are examined in the light of illegal transactions of protected wildlife in China for consumption as delicacy. Based on interviews with actors involved in this illegal market and open sources, this talk will show that consumers rely on the supplier's reputation to access protected wildlife, along with their reputation of having the culinary skills necessary to cook the wildlife in order to enhance the credibility of their agreements.

Biosketch

Rebecca completed her doctorate studies at the Department of Sociology, University of Oxford. Her primary research interests are in the fields of green criminology with a specific focus on illegal endangered wildlife trade in Hong Kong and Mainland China. She is also interested in criminal networks and issues of trust in the underworld.

After the Salon, light lunch with drink will be provided for SS faculty members and research students. Interested participants must make reservation via email (violette.wong@cityu.edu.hk) before 15 April 2019.

All Are Welcome